



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
OCTOBER 4, 2026
11:00AM

*Quiet in the nave before the service helps us to mark sacred space and time.
We invite you to use this time to prayerfully prepare for worship.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham"

Charles H. H. Parry

The Word of God

Hymn 580, *Standing, sung by all*

God, who stretched the spangled heavens HOLY MANNA

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria S280, *Sung by all*

Robert Powell

The letter "S" in front of a number refers to the service music, which is found in the front section of the Hymnal

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading, *Seated*

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall

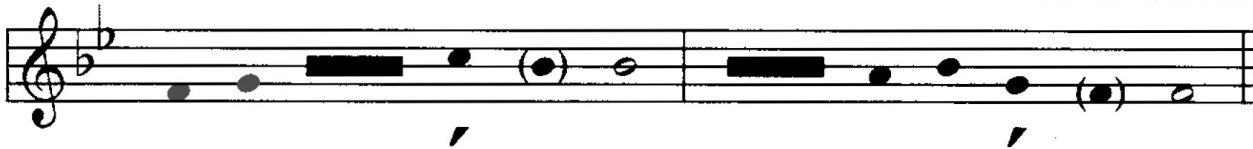
labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19, *Please join in singing the bold portions of the Psalm*

Tone VIII.1



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of / God, *
and the firmament / shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to a-/nother, ***
and one night imparts knowledge / to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or / language, *
and their / voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into / all lands, ***
and their message to the / ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the / sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; →
it rejoices like a champ-/ion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens →**
and runs about to the end of it a-/gain; *
nothing is hidden / from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and re-/vives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom / to the innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the Lord are just and re-/joice the heart; ***
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives / light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for / ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous / altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine / gold, ***
sweeter far than honey, than / honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant en-/lightened, *
and in keeping them / there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he of-/fends? *
cleanse me / from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; →
let them not get dominion / over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent / of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my →
heart be acceptable / in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and / my redeemer.

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 647, *Standing, sung by all*

I know not where the road will lead LARAMIE

During the sequence hymn, children aged 4 through 4th grade are invited to follow the children's cross to Children's Chapel. Parents are always welcome to attend. All will return during the Peace.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to

tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Michael Goldsmith

The Nicene Creed, *Standing* 358

The Prayers of the People, Form V, *Standing or kneeling* 389

The Confession and Absolution 360

The Peace, *Standing* 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *God be in my head* Henry Walford Davies
 God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God
 be at mine end, and at my departing.
 —*Sarum Primer, 1558*

Presentation Hymn 424, st. 1, *Standing, sung by all* EAST ACKLAM
 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
 For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
 future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic: Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth....Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S129, *Sung by all*

Powell

Standing or kneeling

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer, *Said by all*

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei S163, *Sung by all*

Powell

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, you are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are interested in being baptized please speak with a clergy person after the service or contact the church office. Gluten free wafers available upon request.

Music during Communion

In salutari tuo

Plainsong

My soul has longed for your salvation; I have put my hope in your word; when will you give judgment against those who persecute me? Help me, O Lord, my God. *Ps.* Let your livingkindness come to me, O Lord, and your salvation according to your promise. (*Ps* 119)

Hymn 474

When I survey the wondrous cross ROCKINGHAM

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take communion to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Postcommunion Prayer, *Said by all, standing or kneeling*

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 518, *Standing, sung by all*

Christ is made the sure foundation
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The Dismissal

The Deacon offers a dismissal followed by:

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Trumpet Voluntary No. 5 in D

John Stanley

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Bettie Field by Spike Field.*

CELEBRANT The Rev. Rose Veal Eby

PREACHER The Rev. Michael Goldsmith

DEACON The Rev. Dn. Dr. Robert A. Serio

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Dr. Aaron Tan



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